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CHEMICAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASED

Through the efforts of Professor McMurry, a purchase has been made of the equipment remaining in the chemical laboratory over at the old iron works. A good deal of usable equipment has been obtained and will prove useful through the coming years.

SENIORS BUILD

In many schools a successful annual means graft and plenty of it, money in the pockets of some, nothing in those of others. In this institution a successful annual means help for the school. The staff of the 1937 COMMONER is contributing their surplus to the laying of a concrete walk down the unfinished hallway. It will be constructed so as to be a permanent portion of the hallway when the building is completed. Purchasers of the annual may justly feel they have a share in this good work.

Mrs. Mac and Emily Teach

Having spent several days in service at the Bible School in the Cove, Mrs. McMurry and Emily have been teaching in the school at the local Baptist Church. They report a very successful school.

William Jennings Bryan Said—

"Let us, then, hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Science is a magnificent material force, but it is not a teacher of morals. It can perfect machinery, but it adds no moral restraint to protect society from the misuse of the machine. It can also build gigantic intellectual ships, but it constructs no moral rudders for the control of storm-tossed human vessels. It not only fails to supply the spiritual element needed, but some of its unproven hypotheses rob the ship of its compass and thus endanger its cargo. . . . Science does not teach brotherly love. . . . Science has made war so hellish that civilization was about to commit suicide. . . . If civilization is to be saved from the wreckage threatened by intelligence, not consecrated by love, it must be saved by the moral code of the meek and lowly Nazarene. His teachings and His teachings alone, can solve the problems that vex the heart and perplex the world."

Detour

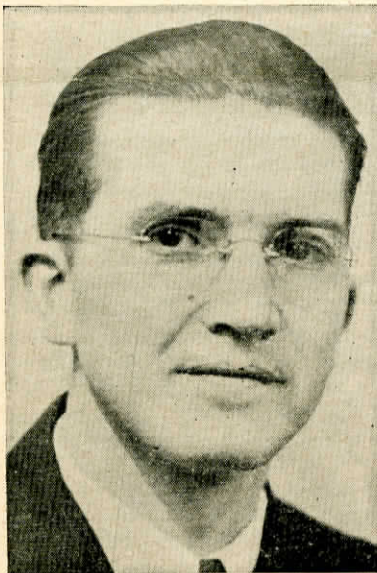
Students who have many times crossed the bridge just outside the city limits on their way up to the Hill may have to walk the plank when they return in September. The "Mark of Progress" is up, the state department having concluded that repairs were needed. Reports are that it will be at least a month before reconstruction is begun. In the meantime Bryan folks find two cars a convenience, changing cars at the bridge.

Party to President Rudd

On the night of July 9th the Octagon and Cedar Hill families joined in a send-off party to President Rudd, who left the following morning for what we trust may be a happy, care-free, and reviving vacation with his folks in Colorado. The guests were President Rudd, the McMurrys, the Fishes, Dean Ryther, Mabel, Becky, Parker, Juanita, and Webster. In honor of the occasion, three fine Buff Minorra roosters sacrificed their lives to furnish delicious fried chicken.

President Rudd joined Mrs. Rudd in Olathe, Kansas, after having enjoyed the Sunday morning services with Brother J. B. Thornton in St. Louis, Mo. The Rudds will return to Dayton some time in August.

AN APPEAL FOR RENEWED EFFORT



Judson A. Rudd, President

In the editorial of this issue President Rudd relates a true story that illustrates what many institutions are producing today. Probably the parents of this young hitch-hiker are God-fearing people, who did not give permission for the boy to leave home. Certainly they know not where he is now. Because their children are taught disrespect for the knowledge and the judgment of God-fearing parents, parents find it increasingly difficult to overcome the effects of the poisonous teaching in the grades, high school, and college.

Evolutionary and atheistic teaching continues to invade

public schools, and unless something is done to oppose it, Sunday Schools to teach Atheism and Communism will be started in your community.

In 1900 the average criminal was 40 years old. Now he is 23 years old, and lawlessness is most certainly on the increase.

As we make plans to realize more fully the purpose for which Bryan University was founded, and as we give our lives to this work, won't you help more definitely with your prayers and the material resources entrusted to your care by the Lord? We need your help now.

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EDITORIAL

The President and the Hitch- Hiker

(President Rudd, en route to Kansas, talks to a 16-year-old hitch-hiker. Could he be your boy?)

As introduction to the driver of the car and as a means of approaching the subject, the 16-year-old hitch-hiker was given two tracts: "How Old Art Thou?" and "The Paradox of Birth," published by the University. Having lived two years in Baltimore, and now seeing the country while looking for work, he identified himself as a native of Englewood, New Jersey.

Before long a statement in "How Old Art Thou" was challenged. Was a person just old enough to read the tract old enough to be saved? What was meant? Shortly, the boy himself was reading aloud from the Bible the Gospel, as defined in 1 Cor. 15:1-6; but when the passage was thoroughly explained and the boy pressed for an acceptance of the Gospel, he dodged the issue by again referring to his question about the proper age for salvation. He ventured his opinion that no religious training should be given nor appeal made until maturity, when the person is old enough to make an "intelligent" and "free" choice in such an important matter.

But—"now is the accepted time, behold, now is the day of salvation." The unregenerate sinner, no matter what the age, is dead in sins, and the sooner he is made alive the better. Until the sinner accepts Christ's life as his life, he is in bondage to sin and the Devil and is never free. The longer he serves the Devil the less likely it is that he will ever be saved. Whereas 55% of college students have professed Christ, only 5% of those who leave college unsaved ever become saved.

ANOTHER YARD-STICK

ELMER R. WALTON

Field Representative

There is another yard-stick in the Tennessee Valley. What the Tennessee Valley electrical development is to the electric industry, the William Jennings Bryan University is to religious education—a measuring rod to show the possibilities.

Because there is a tendency for most church colleges to become less religious as they become larger and more prominent, it becomes increasingly hard to keep the Christian spirit in education. Perhaps carelessness in choosing teachers and trustees is the main cause. Bryan University, following the example of a few other schools, insists that its teachers and trustees believe the Word and believe in its inspiration.

The greatest need of education in America now is to have more stress

placed on character building. Skill and work without character do not lead to permanent success. Believing the experience of the past proves that the study of the Bible is one of the best ways to strengthen character, Bryan University intends to keep the study of the Bible in a prominent place in all of its training.

The laboratory method of teaching has been one of the best methods used in past years. The mountain and valley communities near Dayton furnish a laboratory for the Bible Class. Into these communities students are encouraged to go, working in the 12 or 15 Sunday Schools and churches, learning to teach, preach, and sing by actual service. In their work they put into practice the teaching they receive in the University.

The boy then sought refuge in denying the authority of the Bible and claiming that everyone had a right to his own religion. He was "BROADMINDED." How broad-minded? Enough so to admit every man might be right in his contentions. But could everyone be right, particularly in an important matter in which God's Word is concerned? No, of course not—we should limit our broadmindedness by taking everything with a "grain of salt." The boy didn't realize it, but these are the only limits to the uncertainties of every skeptic that has ever lived or ever will live.

The 16-year-old, at this juncture, boldly asserted that he did not believe in a hereafter. The missionaries, he said, described Heaven and Hell to Eskimos differently from the way they described them to savages living in the tropics, which he said, is quite proper in dealing with people not yet far along in the evolutionary scale. And then the young agnostic, for such he professed to be, was greatly surprised to learn that his host, though a college graduate, did not believe that man was the product of evolution.

Of course, the car that sped smoothly along at 50 miles an hour had an intelligent designer and maker, but the agnostic didn't think it consistent to believe there was an intelligent

planning in the creation of the man that planned the car. He thought we should better provide for posterity and didn't like to think that everything might just as easily be destroyed by "chance" as it had been created by "chance." Wasn't it pessimistic to think of everything ending with a great cataclysm? He was surprised with the thought of a new heaven and a new earth after a cataclysm, with Christ as King: "an earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

After four hours of conversation and earnest pleading, as the parting time drew near, the boy hitch-hiker confessed to his embarrassment that he could not remember a single argument in support of his position. However, he wanted it known that he had not become an agnostic, an evolutionist, and a communist without plenty of good reasons.

The real reason that he is a radical at such a young age is not hard to discover. He could not be won for Christ in four hours because of the poisonous teaching that he had received for at least four years in elementary and high school.

NOTE: Some mother's boy stepped from the car, hardening his heart against the earnest appeal of President Rudd to accept Christ as his personal Saviour. Pray that God, the Spirit, will use His Word to soften that boy's heart.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

There are two kinds—and only two kinds—of people in this world: those who are lost and, unless they accept the Lord Jesus Christ, damned to an eternal hell; and those who are saved through the blood of Christ and accepted into an eternal life with Him. The division is definite, for there is a chasm between the two, crossed only by His blood.

But there are three kinds of colleges in the world: those that are openly atheistic and that keep the lost and the saved weak in faith; those that are as openly Christian, that bring the lost to the feet of the Saviour and nurture the saved in His Grace and Fellowship; and the lukewarm, indifferent colleges, which are broadminded and, therefore, appeal to both sides—a sort of Leodicean college.

Now then, these two kinds of people have, in their search for college education and in their bestowing of support, three kinds of colleges from which to select. They can openly defy the pleasure of God and serve Mammon, for such they serve when they give God's money and God's talents to the college which knows Him not and which despises the Blood of the Lamb; or they can give unto God that which is God's.

They can pay the devil's faculty and help send precious souls into an educated hell, or they can pay God's faculty and rejoice in the saving of souls and the spread of the gospel.

Or, if they, too, are broadminded, they can spend their money in the support of the colleges which are "neither hot nor cold," reaping as they sow, a kind of a soft-soap, yes-man gospel from a faculty paid to "make the world a little bit better because I have lived in it." Can it be that the world, worse now than ever before the Lord Jesus Himself lived in it, could be better because I have studied in a college that claims and denies in the same breath?

To the consecrated Christian, there is but one college worthy of support—the college which stands out and out for Christ and the Word, the college which, like Paul, is determined to teach nothing "save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." God forbid that the consecrated Christian should dabble about with the gifts of God and invest those gifts to the furtherance of a devilish, atheistic, communistic teaching—or any other teaching which does not recognize Him.

And God forbid, too, that any Christian parent should willfully place the son or daughter the Lord has given him into the very mouth of

hell and leave him in the hands of God-despising, soul-damning educators who think no more of mocking God than they do of mocking the green, untried freshman who comes to them believing and is made the target for their witticism and scorn.

For the sake of your sons and daughters, Christian father and mother, **THINK!** You'd not feed them poison and jeopardize their health. Then why, oh why will you send them into the spiritual poison of the agnostic's classroom, from which they will emerge with faith broken, morals ruined, health diseased, and spirit warped with doubt and skepticism?

This is not an appeal for students for this institution. It is an appeal for a Christian, prayerful thought that will assure young Christians of an education which will prove a blessing and not a curse.

There are Christian colleges in this land the academic equal of any the world can offer. Their fight is difficult, but through the strength of the Lord, it is carried on.

Support them, Christian men and women; attend them, Christian students; pray for them, Christian intercessors. They need and deserve your support. And above all—**THINK** when you choose a college to attend or one in which to place your child.

The dormitory family recently went to Chattanooga to hear Brother Walter Hughes deliver his Moody Monthly prize sermon on John 10:9. It was a glorious spiritual feast from beginning to end. Brother Hughes has said he would bring it to Bryan students if again in this section.

Mrs. Hodges and S. D. visited at Cedar Hill last month, taking Mr. and Mrs. Fish back for an over-night stay.

Why don't YOU send someone to BRYAN next year?

Mr. and Mrs. Fish, Becky, Mabel, and Dean Ryther drove to Trion, Georgia, on the evening of the eleventh to hear Dr. Currens preach. They furnished a quartet for special music and gave testimonies.

Becky boarded the train for Sunny Florida on the fifteenth, where she will be at home in Miami for about three weeks.



On the Campus

Iuanita had her tonsils removed in Chattanooga early in the month. After a few days in Dayton, she left for a visit with relatives in Cleveland, Tenn.

Special to Roddy Ford: Lelaps, so far as we know, actually did go to Kentucky. On the other hand, Suds followed Soapy's trail and has gone to the land of catnip and many mice. Chipso is now the official Octagon cat.

Ruth has returned from the Art school in Nashville, where she competed for a scholarship. We understand she won third place. Congratulations! She has since joined the office force on the hill.

The Gospel groups from High Point and Pleasantdale were dinner guests at the home of Miss Bertha Jones, following the Sunday services on the eighteenth.

Have YOU introduced Bryan University to a prospective student yet?

Parker visited his brother up North, but has returned to Dayton.

Recent visitors to the campus were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Finnell, of Denison, Texas. They were freshmen here in '34, marrying the following summer.

Mabel spent nine days in Dalton, Georgia, where she visited her brother and sister-in-law.

NORMAN CHAPEL FRIENDS HURT

As this issue of NEWSLETTE goes to press, word concerning the condition of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Norman is being anxiously awaited from the Broyles Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Norman, members of the Norman Chapel Church—one of the University Messenger stations—were struck, while riding along the highway in their buggy, by a large beer truck. Both were very seriously injured. They are assured of the prayers of their many University and other friends.

What Shall I Bring?

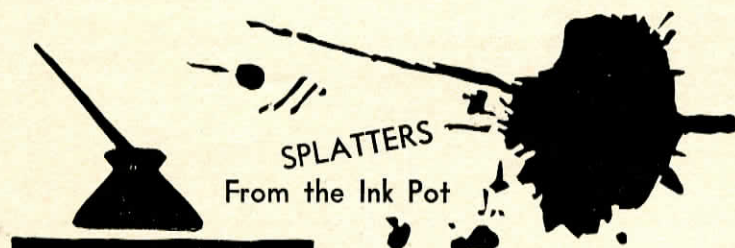
From prospective students comes the question: What shall I bring to school with me? Here's the answer:

BIBLE

3 sheets for single bed
3 pillow cases
3 warm blankets or quilts
4 bath towels and wash rags
Good clothing
Work clothing
Hiking clothing
Hiking shoes
Tennis shoes and rackets

Cameras
Musical instruments
Fountain pen
Laundry bag
Shoe brush and polish
Bureau accessories
Room decorations

Remember that for nine months you are to be "at home" in the dormitory. Rooms are furnished with beds, mattresses, pillows, chairs, dresser, and tables. You will be your own housekeeper—plan to be a good one.



President Rudd (Kas.): "We haven't done much but visit . . . cooler here now . . . several showers but little rain. Mrs. Rudd is greatly refreshed. We expect to start for Colorado in the morning. . . . Love to all."

Connie (Pa.): "Life hasn't been very exciting for me. . . . Helen and I have been keeping house. I may go to Montrose to work for rest of summer . . . certainly miss the kids from Bryan."

Becky I (Fla.): "Home again! Do come down where it's cool!"

Becky II (Ohio): ". . . sitting in a cherry tree praying God would find someone who would find in Bryan a school fitted to his need. . . . God answers prayer . . . like the tracts very much. NEWSLETTE was a real treat. . . . I hope other young people looking for Christian training will learn of Bryan . . . continually praying for its needs and looking forward to next September. . . . Love to all Bryanites."

Alvin (Kas.): "What is going on on the hill? Leaving here for Oklahoma City. . . . I still love the Lord."

Juanita (Tenn.): "We came to Cleveland yesterday . . . just lying around reading, eating, sleeping. Miss every one of you."

Eileen (N. J.): "I really miss school a lot . . . have a job as a waitress in a hotel, so I'm kept pretty busy. . . . I have access to a very fundamental church here and enjoy the services. I spoke while in Beverly on the work we do in the mountains."

Ty (Mich.): "Have work in the cherries pretty soon . . . fish aren't biting . . . spent an afternoon in a sailboat and had a fine time. . . . Tell everyone hello."

Miss Beekman (N. J.): "Ed deRoset and I hope to attend some of the Keswick meetings shortly . . . rejoice that Brother Austin's tent meetings have commenced and are well attended. . . . Ralph, Janet, and I had such a good time 'doing' New York."

Julius (Tenn.): "Working every day since I came home . . . have been teaching Mrs. Messick's S. S. class and have taken charge of prayer meeting. . . . I like to hear from all the students, but I don't like to write. Thanks for NEWSLETTE."

Harold (N. J.): "Work every day . . . am well and busy; led prayer meeting once and am to speak in church on Sunday evening. . . . I miss the students and the faculty and am praying for Bryan . . . please remember me to all."

Miss Yancey (Pa.): "Having a nice time at Pinebrook . . . messages of Dr. Laird and Mr. Linton are very good."

Lucille (Ky.): "Thanks for NEWSLETTE . . . carries more news than half a dozen letters . . . wish more students would write so we could hear from them. Gee! I do miss Bryan so much, and the fellowship of you all. Surely miss Kelly's Hollow and High Point. Love to the family."

Glenn (Kas.): "Been busy ever since I got here . . . went to work right away . . . had to take it easy for I was sure soft . . . best wheat crop in this locality ever known. Please send me some more tracts . . . preaching this coming Sunday in our church here. If you can use me early, let me know."

Eugenia (Ga.): "Received NEWSLETTE and enjoyed it very much . . . am having a real nice vacation. I have a new bird-puppy—really a fine puppy, although the family doesn't think so."

Helen (Pa.): "We received NEWSLETTE and surely enjoyed and devoured its contents . . . the boys are working, Landis in Kurtz's and Ralph in the country. Connie has finished Bible School and is thinking of doing the kind of work Lillian did last summer. Lillian taught 20 younger Guild girls at their camp last week. Give everybody my regards."

NOTE: Your school chums appreciate word from you through NEWSLETTE's columns. Why not give them a break?